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*Extract of a Letter written to the Publisher, concerning a
Falsitious Stony matter or Paste, shining in the dark
like a glowing Coal, after it hath been a little while ex-
posed to the Day- or Candle-light.*

Clarissimo Viro

Domino *Henrico Oldenburgio*, Illustrissimæ Soc. Regiæ Secr.

Salutem & observantiam

Christianus Adolphus Balduinus.

— **Q**uoniam elapso proximè anno officiosissimè scriptas
tuas literas testari continuò debuisssem quanti fa-
cerem, religioni tamen duxi id facere, antequam Phosphorum
meum modis omnibus absolutum darem conficerèmq: Quod
cùm non multò ante præstiterim, ecce Tibi eundem in theca
argentea inaurata; quem, ceu munus exiguum, si fas sit petere à
Te, humillimâ subjectione deferre velis cum ipsi Regiæ Majestati
tanquam Fundatori & Patrono Societatis Vestræ, inprimis;
tum verò Ejusdem Præsidi Illustrissimo, caterisque Assessoribus
& Collegiis gravissimis; nihilque intermittere velis, quodcunque
vel Clementia Regiæ, vel Favori tantorum Virorum conciliando
facere arbitreris. Latet in Phosphoro isto ignis & luminis Natura
realis scintillula, imò secretissima anima, proindeque intrinsecus
atque invisibilis Sophorum ignis, visibilem Solis ignem magneticâ
ratione attrahens, splendorèmq: ipsius vicissim in Tenebris emit-
tens ejaculansque. Quo istud accedit non minùs mirum, Signa-
turam nempe Solis contineri in Universalis isto Magnete unde
confectus idem ille Phosphorus est; quod quidem ex adjuncto
Schemate Phænomeni * (per dies
aliquot durante) liquidissimè patet.

* Hoc phænomenon repræ-
sentat in vase vitreo complures
imagines Solis, majores, minores; in quas materia, ab Authore nostro adhibita, ju-
cundissimo, ut videtur, spectaculo, abiisse conspecta fuit.

Atque

*Atque inde non est, quod subjecto isto uti desistam in Chymicis
meis laboribus continuandis, quòd multò majora mihi propediem
dignioraque ex se spondeat, quorumque magis arcana ratio.
De quibus omnibus, philosophicâ consuetudine, Societati Illustris-
sima relaturus per literas sum quæcunque certis Experimentis
comperero. Servet te Deus, & me porrò affectu tuo complectere.
Scrib. Haynæ, d. 1. Sept. 1676.*

THis Present being, according to the tenour of this Letter, presented to his *Majesty*, and afterwards to the *R. Society*, it fully justified the generous Presenter in the Experiment, made before them both, at several times; and that not only by Day-light, even when the Weather was gloomy and misty, but also by the Flame of a Candle. And 'tis hoped, that the said Presenter will so far extend his generosity, when he shall understand the gracious acceptance his Present had with the Royal Founder of our Philosophical Company, and the pleasure, it gave to the Gentlemen that compose it, as to impart to them the way of preparing the same; to be Recorded in their Register books, as a perpetual Monument of his ingenuity and frankness.